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SUMMARY: EMBASSY CONTINUES FAVOR USG APPROACH TO
GOGREECE ON CYPRUS POLICY. NATIONAL GUARD INVOLVEMENT
IN EOKA-B ACTIVITIES INCREASES DANGER TURKISH REACTION.
POSSIBILITY OF LOCAL TURMOIL AND DETERIORATION GRECO/TURKISH
RELATIONS CLEARLY NOT RPT NOT IN GREEK OR USG INTERESTS. END
SUMMARY

1. EMBASSY CONTINUES BELIEVE WE SHOULD EXPRESS STRONG USG
MISGIVINGS OVER APPARENT DUALITY OF GOGREECE POLICY IN
CYPRUS (NICOSIA 576). IF GREEK MILITARY LEADERS SERIOUSLY
CONCERNED BY LOCAL COMMUNIST STRENGTH, IMPORTANT THEY REALIZE
THAT ATTACKING MAKARIOS FROM RIGHT WILL, ALMOST INEVITABLY,
FORCE ARCHBISHOP INTO INCREASED RELIANCE ON PRECISELY THOSE
GROUPS WHICH ARE MOST INIMICAL TO ATHENS' INTERESTS HERE (I.E.,
COMMUNISTS AND/OR LYSSARIDES' CROWD). THOUGHT THAT EXTRA-
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LEGAL PRESSURE MIGHT ENCOURAGE ARCHBISHOP TO MOVE FIRST

AGAINST HIS OWN SUPPORTERS IS OBVIOUS NON-STARTER.

2. ALSO, OPEN INVOLVEMENT GREEK OFFICERED NATIONAL GUARD IN EOKA-B ACTIVITIES RAISES SPECTER OF FORCEFUL TURKISH REACTION IN EVENT LOCAL DISSIDENTS ATTEMPT OVERTHROW MAKARIOS OR SERIOUSLY DISRUPT LOCAL SECURITY. RIGHTISTS PROBABLY COULD NOT RPT NOT FORM GOVT, BUT THEY COULD (A) THROW GREEK COMMUNITY INTO TURMOIL AND (B) PRECIPITATE DANGEROUS GRECO/TURKISH CONFRONTATION. LATTER PARTICULARLY TRUE IF TURKS CONCLUDE EFFORT ENJOYS GOGREECE SUPPORT.

3. IMPORTANT POINT IS THAT GREEK INVOLVEMENT IN EOKA-B IS NOT RPT NOT IN ATHENS' INTEREST AND, MOST EMPHATICALLY, NOT RPT NOT IN OURS.

4. WHATEVER FACTS DEVELOP RE YEROSKIPOS ARMS THEFT, IT HIGHLIGHTS CONTINUING SERIES ANTI-GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT BY GREEK OFFICERED NATIONAL GUARD (NICOSIA 883).

5. WE DO NOT RPT NOT THINK UNFICYP RENEWAL OR ARCHBISHOP'S CHINA TRIP HAVE MUCH RELEVANCE TO TIMING OF SUGGESTED APPROACH. TO AWAIT INFORMATION RE PAPADAKIS FATE OR SUCCESSOR IS TO AWAIT OUTCOME OF INTERNAL GOGREECE DEBATE BEFORE MAKING DEMARCHE. IF GOGREECE PRESENTLY DISCUSSING CYPRUS POLICY, THIS SHOULD ARGUE FOR RATHER THAN AGAINST MAKING OUR VIEWS KNOWN. APPARENT DUALITY OF GREEK POLICY SUGGESTS WE SHOULD MAKE OUR VIEW CLEAR TO MILITARY LEADERSHIP AS WELL AS TO CIVILIAN GOVERNMENT.
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